

This Week's News

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Updates from the IRTS

Well done again to everyone who completed the HAREC examination recently. For IRTS members with new licences, please make sure to email the IRTS membership records officer at memrecords@irts.ie providing details of your new callsigns so we can update the records. We encourage National Shortwave Listeners Club members who receive new licences to update that team as well. Many thanks and well done also to the IRTS exam board for yet another set of very efficiently run examinations.

It is with some sadness that we say farewell to some additional long-standing members who are stepping down from roles for personal and other reasons. We extend our deepest thanks for their stalworth service to the society to Seany Byrne EI2HZB, Robbie Phelan EI2IP, and Dave Moore EI4BZ. Dave is still remaining on as chief Morse tester. They have given endless hours, days, and years to the society which we are very grateful for and is very much appreciated.

With this news, comes changes in roles and new opportunities to get involved in the running of the IRTS. Committee member Howard EI9LC has volunteered to take over the role of PRO. The role of vice president will be filled at the next AGM. Two vacancies for committee members are available, and we are seeking interested candidates. The IRTS also wishes to fill the position of automatic station coordinator. It primarily involves acting as a point of contact and coordinator between ComReg, a technical panel, and the IRTS in relation to new or updated automatic station licence requests. The workload is light and doesn't require deep technical or policy expertise. Those interested in learning more about these available opportunities are invited to contact the IRTS Honorary Secretary via email to irts_secretary@irts.ie

The IRTS news team will be taking a small break once again this year over the Christmas period. The last 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins for 2025 will be transmitted on Sunday, December 14th. There will be no news bulletins on either Sunday December 21st or Sunday, December 28th. Items for submission for Sunday December 14th should reach the news editor by midnight on Thursday December 11th. Normal bulletins will resume on Sunday, January 4th, 2026. Items for the news on Sunday January 4th should reach the news editor by midnight on New Year's Day, Thursday January 1st, 2026.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group AGM

On Tuesday the 25th of November 2025 last, members of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group met at The Princess Bar in Clonmel at 8 p.m. for their annual general meeting. This was a well-attended meeting with group members travelling from Co. Kilkenny, Co. Cork, and Co. Waterford joining their Co. Tipperary-based colleagues. Brian EI2JKB chaired this very productive meeting welcoming all in attendance. Group Secretary John EI7IG read the minutes from the previous 2024 AGM and Group Treasurer Thomas EI2IT reported a very healthy financial situation followed then by the election of the new committee.

A review of the year was discussed, highlighting the TARG attendance at the IRTS Hamfest held in Mullingar last September as being very productive for the group. The QSL cards for the

special event callsign EI-30-T commemorating the 30th Anniversary of TARG were still in demand even though it is over a year since the callsign was last aired. Upcoming activities for 2026 were also discussed at length and it was announced that the TARG Christmas Party will take place on Saturday the 6th of December 2025 at Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel. It was also decided that the venue for all future TARG meetings, will continue to be held at The Princess Bar, Clonmel, Co Tipperary. The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m. when Chairman Brian EI2JKB thanked all for their input and their attendance.

The new committee was elected as follows; Chairman Brian Kelly EI2JKB, Vice Chairman Andy Jay EI5JF, Secretary John Ronan EI7IG, Treasurer Thomas Hallinan EI2IT, and Group PRO Hugh O'Donnell EI2HI, and Events and QSL Manager Paul Norris EI3ENB. For more information about T.A.R.G, they can be contacted by email at ei7trg /at/ gmail.com and you can follow them on their Facebook page under 'Tipperary Amateur Radio Group'.

Kildare Amateur Radio Club News

Kildare Amateur Radio Club is delighted to congratulate two of its members who have successfully passed their HAREC examination. Conor Quigley EI9JYB and Adrian Morgan, who is awaiting his callsign have achieved this important milestone, and the club wishes them well in their amateur radio activities. The club continues to thrive, with three new members joining at the meeting on Wednesday November 26th, bringing total membership to 21. Among the new members are two SWLs who have started the NSWLC HAREC Class India. Kildare Amateur Radio Club meets once a month in Clane and welcomes both licensed amateurs and SWLs from Kildare and surrounding counties. For more information about the club and meeting details, visit kildarearc.com

VHF/Microwave News

The RSGB 144MHz FM Activity Contest takes place from 19:00 UTC to 19:55 UTC on Tuesday, December 2nd. Keep your microphone handy if you take part because the RSGB 144MHz UK Activity Contest then takes over from 20:00 for two and a half hours. On the following night, Wednesday December 3rd, you can take part in the European VHF-UHF FT8 activity event from 17:00 to 21:00 UTC on the 2m band. FT8 activity takes place on 144.174 MHz and FT4 on 144.170 MHz.

Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society Rally

The Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society will be holding its annual rally on the 7th of March 2026 at the Hillsborough Village Centre, 7 Ballynahinch Road, Hillsborough, BT26 6AR. Doors open at 10.30 a.m., and the rally ends at 1 p.m. The Hillsborough Village Centre is just off the main A1 Road linking the north and south of the island. Further details can be found at www.lvars.uk

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) with the details. These will be automatically

forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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